

**ORDINANCE BY
COUNCILMEMBER JIM MADDOX**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO NAME THE BALL FIELD COMPLEX AT THE BEN HILL RECREATION CENTER IN DISTRICT 11, SOUTHWEST ATLANTA AFTER WILLIAM C. "BILL" GARY, JR., FORMER ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Whereas, William C. "Bill" Gary, Jr. was born on January 16, 1948 in Anderson, South Carolina; and

Whereas, upon completion of his military service in the United States Air Force, Mr. Gary obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from his beloved Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, William C. "Bill" Gary, Jr. served the City of Atlanta with honor and distinction as a twenty-four (24) year employee within the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, serving in the capacity of an Accounting Assistant (1976-1981); Financial Analyst (1981-1984); Management Analyst (1984-1986); Management and Development Officer (1986-1991); Director, Bureau of Parks (1991-1993); Deputy Commissioner (1993-1997); Acting Commissioner (1997-2000); and

Whereas, William C. "Bill" Gary, Jr. managed the departments personnel, contractual, financial, legislative, design and construction functions involving a \$24,000,000.00 General Fund Operating Budget, a \$3,500,000.00 Capital Improvement Fund Budget and a \$5,000,000.00 Intergovernmental Grant Fund Budget and participated in and developed program concepts, budgets, master plans to anticipate and to meet recreational needs of a large city and its surrounding metropolitan population; and

Whereas, William C. "Bill" Gary, Jr. was a devoted son to his mother, brother to his three (3) sisters, father to three (3) sons and grandfather to one grandson, William; and

Whereas, William C. "Bill" Gary, Jr. passed away on October 21, 2003, after a brief illness, leaving a vacuum in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs that will not be easily filled; and

Whereas, the people of the City of Atlanta in the Southwest Community where Mr. Gary resided for many years are indebted to Mr. Gary for his long, thoughtful, tireless and strenuous efforts on their behalf, have considered, discussed and voted unanimously to honor his efforts through Neighborhood Planning Unit-P in June 2004, by naming the Ball field Complex at the Ben Hill Recreation Center in Southwest Atlanta, City Council District 11 after Mr. Gary, a copy of the approval letter from the NPU-P Chairperson, Mr. Charles Bryant is herewith attached to this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

Section 1: That the Mayor or her designee be hereby authorized to name the Ball Field Complex at the Ben Hill Recreation Center after William C. "Bill" Gary, Jr.

Section 2: That the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs make the necessary arrangements in accordance with departmental procedures to effectuate the naming of the Ball Field Complex after Mr. Gary in a timely manner.

Section 3: That a permanent marker be placed at the Ball Field Complex site in honor of William C. "Bill" Gary, Jr., in the event the facility is demolished and no longer exist.

Section 4: That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith be and are hereby rescinded.

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Arlington
Arlington Estates
Austin Woods
Austin Court
Ben Hill Acres
Ben Hill Pines
Ben Hill Terrace
Blair Glen
Butner/Tell Woods
Campground/Rux
Dartah / Narran
Deerwood
Elmco Estates
Fairburn/Tell Roads
Greenbriar Acres
Heritage Valley
Kimberly Courts
Kings Forrest
Melwood
Meadowbrook Forest
P/P/P Association
Niskey Lake
Redwine / Fairburn
Rue Royal
Santa Rosa

June 22, 2004

Dianne Harnell Cohen, Commissioner
Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs
675 Ponce De Leon Avenue, 8th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Dear Commissioner Cohen:

The Executive Committee of Neighborhood Planning Unit-P (NPUP) discussed the suggestion recently put forth by two City of Atlanta Parks Department, Recreation and Cultural Affairs employees, Debra Harris and Joe Strohbort and felt the idea had merit. The idea was then explained in detail and put to the entire NPUP body for a vote and the result was unanimous to support this effort.

The idea was an excellent one, to honor recently deceased deputy Parks Commissioner/William Gary for his inspired years of service to the City of Atlanta. Debra and Joe amply illustrated Mr. Gary's tireless efforts and leadership to improve the Southwest community and are to be commended for their dedication to make this idea a reality. We are grateful for his efforts and wish to honor Mr. Gary's memory by naming the ball fields at the Ben Hill Community Recreation Center for him.

We look forward to working with Debra and Joe in this effort to ensure the memorial is completed. Feel free to call on us if you require our assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,



Charles Bryant,
Chair, NPUP



cc. Ms. Debra Harris
Mr. Joe Strohbort
NPUP Executive Board



Resume'

William C. Gary, Jr.
2001 Sylvan Road, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30310

OBJECTIVE: Career growth and advancement in a progressive organization where an analytical approach to problem-solving, broad writing ability, assertiveness and a motivational management style can be used for efficient problem-resolution, effective policy formulation and improved public service.

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science - Morris Brown College
Masters Studies - Georgia State University - Urban Administration
Masters Studies - University of Georgia - Governmental Fiscal Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

June, 1993 - Present

Deputy Commissioner, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks and Recreation
Responsible for development of annual Operating and Capital Improvement budgets; preparation of long-range comprehensive development and program planning; submittal of federal funding applications; improvement of departmental management and data systems; budget analysis; internal audits; refinement of departmental policies and procedures; execution of personnel transactions; development of legislative and contractual documents and coordination of initiatives with the Directors of the Bureaus of Parks and Recreation.

February - June, 1993

Interim Commissioner, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks and Recreation
Responsible for the management and delivery of public services and programs consistent with the adopted Operating Budget and the initiatives and priorities of the Mayor of Atlanta; initiation of long-range planning activities related to the Comprehensive Development Plan and the Capital Improvements Plan; and implementation of approved Capital Improvements.

May, 1991 - February, 1993

Director, Bureau of Parks, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks and Recreation
Responsible for the safe, sanitary and aesthetic maintenance of public parks, facilities and open spaces; participation in the Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency; implementation of parks master plans; and the maintenance and treatment of trees in parks and public rights-of-way.

1986 - May, 1991

Management and Development Officer, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs
Responsible for the management, direction and oversight of departmental personnel, contractual, financial, planning, architectural design and construction functions; participation in long-range planning for parks master plans, the Comprehensive Development Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan.

1984 - 1986

Management Analyst II, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Responsible for administering and auditing departmental Community Development Block Grant {CDBG}, Land and Water Conservation Fund {LWCF} and Urban Park and Recreation Recovery {UPARR} programs for projects involving the maintenance and retrofit of existing parks and recreation facilities and for projects involving the acquisition and construction of new parks and public recreation facilities.

1981 - 1984

Financial Analyst I, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Responsible for assisting in the development of operating budgets and revenue-enhancement projects geared to the efficient expenditure of public funds and the maximization of public accountability; auditing federal, state and locally funded projects for compliance with applicable regulations.

1976 - 1981

Accounting Assistant III, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Libraries and Cultural Affairs

Responsible for maintaining and monitoring records and receipts on all departmental revenue resources; and participated in the development of revenue-enhancement proposals geared to generate increased revenues from the operation of departmental services and facilities.

1970 - 1974

Non-Commissioned Officer, U. S. Air Force, Various Assignments

NCOIC maintenance and repair of runway lighting systems and condenser discharge approach systems supporting training and combat flight operations by TAC, SAC, MAC and AFSC.

PUBLICATIONS:

1985 Revised Recovery Action Plan, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, 1985, Sanford, Gary, Etal.

1986 Revised Recovery Action Plan, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Sanford, Gary, Etal.

1992 Revised Recovery Action Plan, City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Gary, Minor, Etal.